

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 648

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A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize the staff, nurses, physicians, and administrators of Indian Path Medical Center on the occasion of the hospital's fortieth anniversary.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should recognize those exemplary medical institutions and their remarkable personnel who, through their unwavering commitment to excellence, are a credit to this State; and

WHEREAS, unrivaled in their dedication to quality and individualized patient care, the medical and administrative personnel of Indian Path Medical Center have been serving the citizens of Kingsport and the surrounding area for forty years; and

WHEREAS, in the early 1970s, local physicians began working with the Nashville-based Hospital Corporation of America (HCA) and its founder, Thomas Frist Sr., to construct a medical center in Kingsport to fill the need of extra hospital beds and care for the Kingsport community; and

WHEREAS, the hospital was originally planned as a four-story building, but officials quickly saw the need to expand and decided to build another three stories, giving the hospital capacity to hold 300 patient beds; and

WHEREAS, the new Indian Path Medical Center opened on March 1, 1974, welcoming its first two patients; and

WHEREAS, Indian Path Medical Center began as a for-profit hospital under the HCA umbrella; in 1998, the hospital became a part of the Mountain State Health Alliance and continued to grow under the non-profit organization with a major expansion in 2001 that doubled the size of the Emergency Department, expanded outpatient services, added a new 44,000 square-foot office building, expanding the Intensive Care Unit, renovated the Laboratory, ICU

Waiting Area, hospital Pharmacy, and Surgical Waiting room, and added ninety new parking spaces, a Pulmonary Services Department, and a Diagnostic and Interventional Cardiology Department; and

WHEREAS, the Indian Path Medical Center campus sits on more than eighty acres of land owned by Mountain State Health Alliance; and

WHEREAS, for four decades, the Indian Path Medical Center has expanded its facilities and services to meet the needs of the good people of Kingsport and today, with eight medical office buildings, Indian Path Medical Center is proud to offer a full array of cardiac, oncological, diagnostic, pulmonary, joint replacement and spine, family birth, transitional, and emergency care options to each of its patients; and

WHEREAS, Indian Path Medical Center maintains partnerships with area organizations, including the American Cancer Society, America Heart Association, Crazy 8's 8k Road Race, Community Health Education, Diva's Day Out, IPMC Health Resource Center, IPMC Foundation Board, Kingsport Chamber of Commerce, Kingsport Fun Fest, Susan G. Komen Foundation, United Way, and Kingsport Ballet, to make a larger impact on the community; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee is fortunate to have such an excellent resource as Indian Path Medical Center, and its health care professionals and valued employees strive to exceed their patients' expectations with the highest quality and most compassionate care possible; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly is privileged to recognize Indian Path Medical Center for its countless contributions to the health of our citizens; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and recognize the staff, nurses, physicians, and administrators of Indian Path Medical Center on the occasion of the hospital's fortieth anniversary, extend our gratitude for all they have done to better the lives and improve the health of so many Tennesseans, and wish them success in their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.